

August 15, 2007

**Subject: La Sierra Avenue/State Route 91 Interchange Improvements Project**

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The City of Riverside, in cooperation with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) will be constructing the La Sierra Avenue/State Route 91 interchange Improvements. This \$38 million dollar project is the third and final phase of a joint effort by the City and County of Riverside to improve La Sierra Avenue from El Sobrante Road, near Lake Mathews, to State Route 91.

The project will enhance the capacity and operation of the interchange. The project will extend from Diana Avenue/Montlake Drive to the north to Indiana Avenue in the south and extend about 3,000 feet along State Route 91.

The project will replace the existing freeway overcrossing and the railroad overpass with new six lane bridges with dual left turn lanes. The freeway ramps would retain their current configuration and would be widened to three lanes. Several retaining walls would be constructed along the interchange ramps. The area surrounding the ramps will be landscaped in conjunction with the project.

Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in October 2007 and is expected to take 22 months to complete. The bridge structures will be built in two phases allowing the existing bridges to remain open while half of the new bridges are constructed. Traffic will then be shifted on to the new structures while the existing structures are demolished and the second half of the new bridges are completed.

Periodic night time freeway closures and limited ramp closures should be anticipated during the duration of the project. There may also be short periods of time when traffic lanes on La Sierra Avenue will be closed. However, access to your property will be maintained at all times during construction.

Thank you for your cooperation during project construction, and if you need assistance during construction, the contractor is Ortiz Enterprises, Incorporated. They may be contacted at their office in Irvine at (949) 753-1414. If you require further assistance, you may contact Juan Rojas, Resident Engineer, at (951) 538-3037.

*Sincerely,*

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